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In the news

159

Number, in pounds, of marijuana that state police discovered in a car traveling along the highway in Sturbridge. According to police reports, the officer who pulled the vehicle over detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car. Police arrested Andrew K. Locke, 34, of Surprise, Ariz., and charged him with distribution of a class D substance.

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Today's local tweet



"Some days I regret moving from living off the Orange Line to the Red Line. Those days are every Saturday and Sunday until mid-March."

@MARYLWILL ON RED LINE CLOSURES AND BUS SHUTTLE REPLACEMENTS

Two killed in Peabody party shootout

State and local police were investigating a double-homicide in Peabody yesterday after two men were shot and killed during a party at one of the victim's houses.

According to police reports, Peabody officers responded to a tip from Salem

police that a man was being treated for a gunshot wound at Salem Hospital.

Police said Jonathan Ramos, 24, was shot at 8 Aborn St., in Peabody, and around 3 a.m. was brought to the hospital, where he later died.

The people who brought

Ramos to the hospital allegedly led police to the house where the shooting occurred, and discovered the body of Richard Duran, 25, the second victim.

Police said both victims were at a party at the house the night before and into the early morning. They al-



Cops at the scene

so said all parties involved knew each other and this was not a random shooting.

While police have not identified a suspect, they said residents of Peabody were not in any danger.

Both victims were well known to police, according to reports. **STEVE ANNEAR**

Women Hollaback! at street harassment

► Group of Hub females are sick of men's catcalls ► Relaunch website to combat street harassment ► Hope is to provide a forum for other women

Kate Ziegler just wants to go running through Boston without men catcalling and making rude comments.

What Ziegler says is an all too common occurrence for many women in the Hub, was enough for her and four female friends to relaunch "Hollaback! Boston," an online forum for victims of street harassment to share their stories and engage in conversations.

"The basic message we want to get out is we want to be a place to get people talking, not just about a daily life issue, but about something that is persistently problematic," she said. "Lots of people have stories or awful commutes where someone catcalls them on the way to work."

For Ziegler, those incidents often happen while trying to exercise.

"It's unfortunate because it has become such a normal part of daily life," she said.

Ziegler said because it's hard to show up at a job and share those experiences with co-workers, the group hopes Hollaback! becomes a platform where women explain how street harassment impacts their daily life and provides a place to "get it all off [their] chest."

"I think it will help cut back street harassment,"



► From left, Jane Carper, Angela Della Porta, Devon Audie and Kate Ziegler have relaunched the site at boston.ihollaback.org, where they seek to end street harassment.

Tips

The site has tips on how to deal with harassment:

- Always use strong body language
- Project confidence and calm
- Do not get into a dialogue with the harasser
- Do not swear or lose your temper

said Ziegler. "It is absolutely there. It happens in all sorts of areas I wouldn't expect. I would hope by raising awareness we could stop it in our city."

The group recently celebrated a soft-launch and plans on connecting women with various resources, organizations and hosting panel discussions and self-defense classes.

Share your stories

On the FAQ portion of boston.ihollaback.org, one writer says the group will publish every entry they receive.

► Boston.ihollaback.org
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Friends nab cell thief

BOSTON. A Hyde Park man accused of robbing someone during the weekend was arrested after the victim's friends chased the suspect and held him down. Dahrius J. Hollins, 22, was arrested after allegedly demanding the victim's cellphone and cash in a Mattapan parking lot. According to police, when Hollins took off on foot with the victim's items, the victim's friends pursued Hollins and kept him on the ground until police arrived. **METRO**



Coffee shops team up

BOSTON. Eight local cafes are pushing each others' businesses and keeping Hub caffeine addicts from buying from the big chains.

Independent shops — which include Blue State Coffee and Pavement — have created a "Disloyalty Card," where customers are encouraged to visit other cafes. After customers who have the card visit all eight coffee shops, they get a free coffee from the participating cafe of their choice. **METRO**

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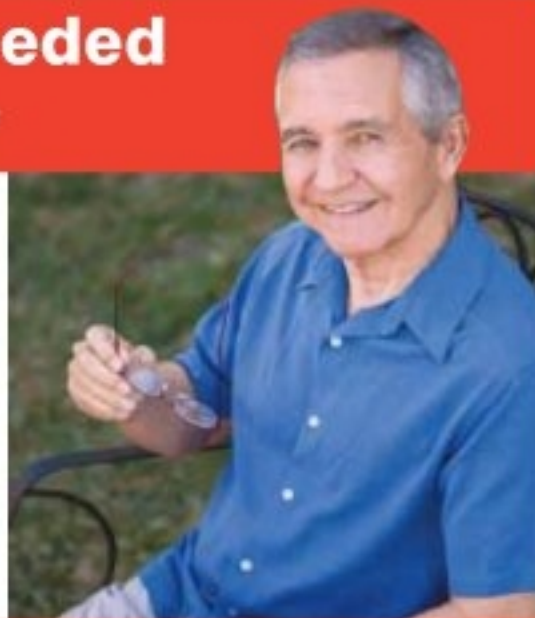
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Occupy Harvard will pack up tents, move on

After six weeks of the Harvard Yard being shut off to the public, the gates may reopen soon.

Members of Occupy Harvard, who set up tents on the lawn within the university's campus, said they are packing up their campsite and starting phase two

of their movement.

According to an announcement on the group's website, participants are focusing on going beyond the physical occupation to try to occupy "the hearts and minds of those beyond the university's walls."

"Our visceral disruption



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of business as usual on campus would not have been possible without the physical presence of our encampment," said Maggie Gram, a doctoral student, in a statement.

The group said that some of its successes since it started camping

were the negotiations for a better contract for custodial workers and "increased attention on the social impact of the university's multi-billion dollar endowment."



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Readers get a kick out of giving to kids

Time is running out, readers.

If you haven't given yet to the 2011 Metro Magic giving campaign, this is your last chance to bring a smile to needy Boston children this gift-giving season.

After nearly seven weeks, Metro is beginning to sort through the hundreds of gifts our generous readers have donated to our offices on Congress Street.

You, our readers, have donated great items, including keyboards, stuffed ani-

mals, MP3 players and life-sized Justin Bieber cutouts.

But there are plenty of toys left to choose from so that a Boston-area child can feel special this season.

Football, dolls, slippers and many other toys are still available on Metro Magic's toy listing.

The toys may seem insignificant, but for children they make a big difference.

We're excited to soon turn over the gifts to our partners — Toys for Tots

and The Home for Little Wanderers. The two organizations support thousands of children in their times of need.

With the generous donations from Metro readers, those children will now have a better holiday.

Although the holidays are getting closer, there's still some time left for you to be one of the people that helps bring a smile to a child's face.

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Romney's big endorsement

WASHINGTON. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney received a potential boost to his presidential campaign in Iowa by winning the endorsement of the Des Moines Register.

"He has solid credentials in a career that

includes running and starting successful businesses, turning around the 2002 Winter Olympics and working with both political parties as Massachusetts governor to pass important initiatives," Iowa's largest newspaper said in an endorsement released yesterday. **BLOOMBERG**

Occupy our inbox

This weekend saw the most active voting in the three-year history of Metro's Man and Woman of the Year event.

Hundreds of votes were cast, split almost equally between Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and the Occupy movement. Occupy still has a distinct lead in votes over Jobs, as voting for the event enters its last week. But support for Jobs has substantially reduced that gap in the last three days, and there is still

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all to play for.

Congresswoman Gabby Giffords trails behind.

Voting continues until 5 p.m. Thursday. Vote for your choice from Steve Jobs, the Occupy movement, or Gabby Giffords, by e-mailing mwoy@metro.us.

Vaclav Havel paved path for peaceful protesters



► Thousands of mourners commemorated the death of Vaclav Havel in Prague.

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► Famous dissident dead of cancer complications at age 75 ► Led Prague's democratic 'Velvet Revolution'

Vaclav Havel, a dissident playwright jailed by Communists who became Czech president and a symbol of peace and freedom after leading the bloodless "Velvet Revolution," died at 75 yesterday.

The former chain smoker died at his country home in Hradecek, north of Prague, of a long respiratory illness after surviving operations for lung cancer and a burst intestine in the late 1990s that left him frail for more than a decade.

The diminutive playwright rose to fame after facing down Prague's communist regime. His plays were banned for two decades and he was thrown

Quoted

"Truth and love will overcome lies and hatred."

SLOGAN FROM HAVEL THAT CZECHS REMEMBER FROM THE "VELVET REVOLUTION" DAYS

into prison several times after launching Charter 77, a manifesto demanding the communist government adhere to international standards for human rights.

Just six months after completing his last jail sentence, Havel led hundreds of thousands of protesters in Prague's cobblestone streets in a peaceful uprising in November 1989 that

ended Soviet-backed rule. Just over a month later, he was installed as president.

Much of his two terms was cast as a struggle for the soul of democratic reforms against right-wing economist Vaclav Klaus, who eventually replaced Havel as president in 2003.

Human rights stayed high on his agenda, as did anxiety about the environment and the pursuit of moral values in the globalizing world, and he was nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"He was a great and well-deserving man and will be greatly missed," said Polish dissident leader Lech Walesa. **REUTERS**



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Kim Jong-il, North Korean leader, dead

North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, revered at home by a propaganda machine that turned him into a demigod and vilified in the West as a temperamental tyrant, has died, North Ko-

rean state television reported early today.

Kim, who was 69 years old, died on Saturday, it said.

Kim was the unchallenged head of the reclu-

sive state whose economy fell deeper into poverty during his years in power as he vexed the world by developing a nuclear arms program and an arsenal of missiles aimed to hit

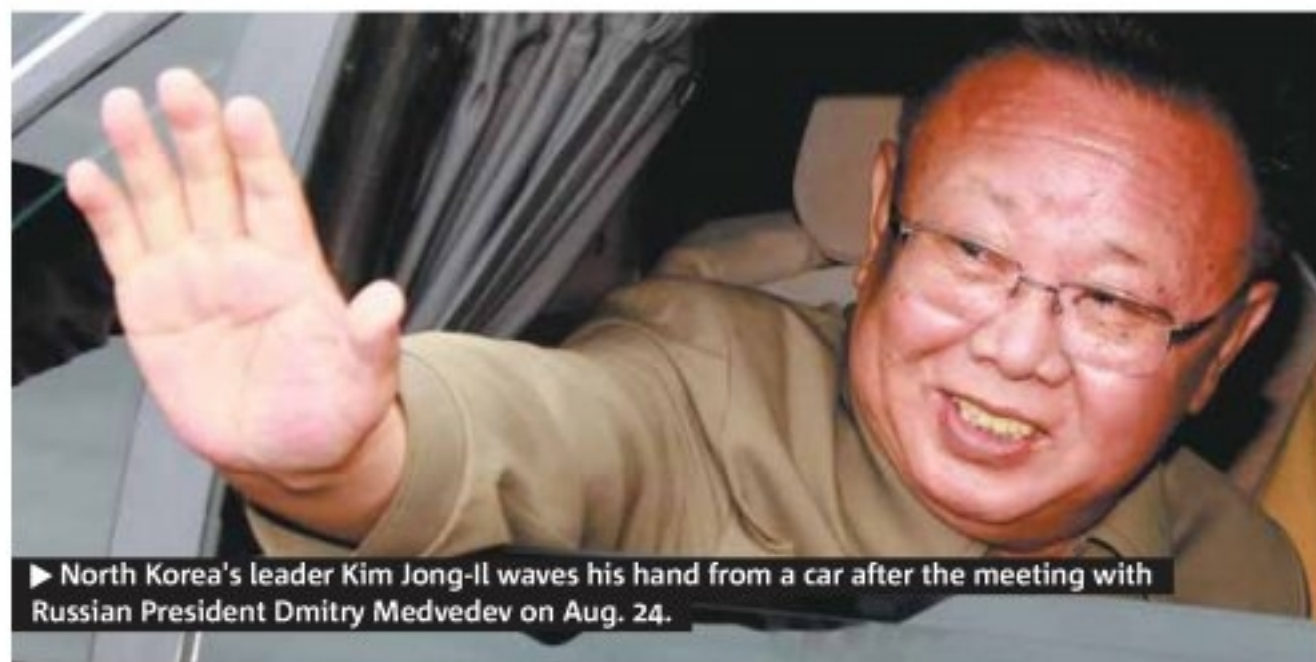
neighbors Japan and South Korea.

Kim had been portrayed as a criminal mastermind behind deadly bombings, a jovial dinner host, a comic buffoon in Hollywood movies and by the administration of former U.S. President George W. Bush as the ruler of "an outpost of tyranny."

He was thought to have suffered a stroke in August 2008.

Known at home as "the Dear Leader," Kim took over North Korea in 1994 when his father and founder of the reclusive state Kim Il-sung, known as "the Great Leader," died.

Kim Jong-il was famed for his bouffant hairdo, platform shoes and jump suits. **REUTERS**



► North Korea's leader Kim Jong-il waves his hand from a car after the meeting with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Aug. 24.

DMITRY ASTAKHOV/AP/GETTY IMAGES

Leader portrayed differently at home

Kim was known as a womanizer, a drinker and a movie buff, according to those people who had been in close contact with him and later left the country.

He enjoyed ogling Russian dancing girls, amassing a wine cellar with more than 10,000 bottles and downing

massive amounts of lobster and cognac.

North Korea's propaganda machine painted a much more different picture.

It said Kim piloted jet fighters — even though he travelled by land for his infrequent trips abroad. He penned operas, had a photographic memory, produced movies and accomplished a feat unmatched in the annals of professional golf, shooting 11 holes-in-one on the first round he ever played.

When he first took power in 1994, many analysts thought Kim's term as North Korea's leader would be short-lived and powerful elements in the military would rise up to take control of the state.

Kim has three known sons. He is believed to have anointed the youngest, Kim Jong-un, to succeed him. **REUTERS**

Heart attack

North Korean Kim Jong-il suffered a massive heart attack on a train on Saturday, the North's KCNA news agency said in a separate dispatch about his death. An autopsy conducted on Sunday confirmed the cause of death, it said.

Last US troops leave Iraq, ending the war

The last convoy of U.S. soldiers pulled out of Iraq yesterday, ending nearly nine years of war that cost almost 4,500 American and tens of thousands of Iraqi lives, and left a country grappling with uncertainty.

The war launched in March 2003 with missiles striking Baghdad to oust

President Saddam Hussein closes with a fragile democracy still facing insurgents, sectarian tensions and the challenge of defining its place in the Arab region.

"I just can't wait to call my wife and kids and let them know I am safe," Sgt. First Class Rodolfo Ruiz said. **REUTERS**

Fragile, divided

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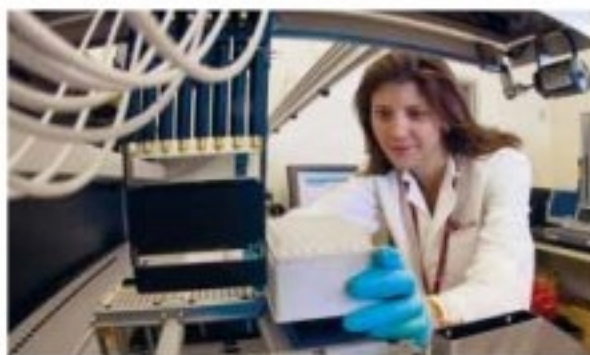
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THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](https://twitter.com/dorothyatmetro) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The story behind Spears' engagement

Thanks to giving up the reigns to her life to a court-appointed conservatorship (her father and a lawyer) and, well, I'm just guessing here, some big pharma mood-stabilizers, I believe **Britney Spears** is in a much happier and healthier head space than she's ever been. It actually seems like things are back to normal for the star/robot. Which is why it's surprising to see her engagement to boyfriend and former agent **Jason Trawick** come across as the most orchestrated news item since **Kim Kardashian's** wedding. After all, "normal" megawatt celebrities keep things like this private; only the ones with something to prove try to force it down our throats.

On Thursday, the two got engaged. And then they celebrated that engage-

ment — and Trawick's 40th birthday — in Las Vegas on Friday night. And, wouldn't you know it? An army of photographers and publicists were at the ready. They followed them through each perfectly crafted event — from the two of them checking in to Planet Hollywood, then having dinner at Sugar Factory American Brasserie, to dancing at the Chateau nightclub (notice all of that product placement — I'm sure they all paid a pretty penny for this). The whole night was completely packaged for our enjoyment.

Sure, out of everything that Spears has been through, a formulated engagement is nothing. It's just kind of sad that this living doll can't be a real person who celebrates real milestones authentically.



► Oh, you know, just a quiet celebration at Planet Hollywood ...

Don't call her ScarJo

After going through a divorce from **Ryan Reynolds**, **Scarlett Johansson** hasn't completely ruled out tying the knot again.



"I have no idea. I don't X things off. I don't know. Life is long," she tells USA Today. But for the time being, she's getting the most out of being single. "It's been nice to just focus on that and to focus on myself. There's something quite refreshing about it." But Johansson admits she'd be a lot happier if people would stop referring to her as ScarJo. "Oh, it's awful. It's a laziness. People can't actually say the whole name? It's just bizarre," she says.

As a writer, I know that the problem doesn't lie in saying "Scarlett Johansson" — it's spelling it.



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, **Albert Brooks** is still smarting over not getting a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination. **Patton Oswalt** is engaging in some interesting promotional activities. **Jonah Hill** is watching MTV and **Kirstie Alley** likes what she's hearing.

► **@AlbertBrooks** Just got back from mall. Told Santa what I wanted. He said he didn't even know what SAG was, let alone how to punish it.

► **@pattonoswalt** Anyone who sees #Young Adult, please Tweet your home address. I will personally bring a casserole to you.

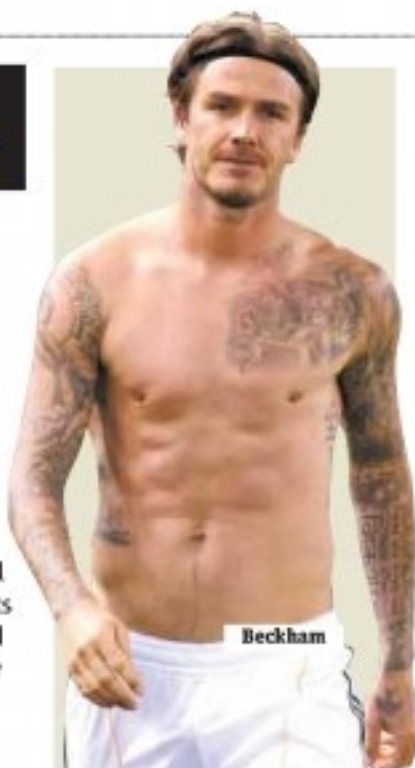
► **@JonahHill** "True Life: I Have A Hot Mom" is easily my favorite True Life.

► **@kirstiealley** "His words are bonds, his oaths are oracles, his heart as far from fraud, as heaven from earth" Shakespeare does this man exist??

Talking points

From soccer star to movie star?

Tom Cruise has his eye on a new co-star, telling the Daily Mirror that he would "love to do action movies with [David] Beckham." But before turning his athletic pal into a movie star, Cruise wants something too: "David would have to teach me how to play soccer first," he says. Cruise even has a type of role in mind, saying that Beckham



"would make a great baddie."

Hef is proven wrong

Hugh Hefner admits he wasn't totally convinced having **Lindsay Lohan** pose nude for Playboy was a great idea. "I kind of had mixed emotions about it initially, and then it turned into something bigger than life," Hefner tells E! News. "I wasn't quite sure where she was at in her life, obviously. It depends on whether it's Tuesday or Thursday." And while he is pleased with the final product, the magazine mogul says he wasn't the only one who needed convincing about

Lohan baring all. "I think it was essentially mama and the folks around her that kept pushing for less nudity," Hefner says. "And I said, 'We're doing a nude pictorial here. We're going to do it in a very classy way and we're going to do it in a way in which it will not be forgotten.'"

More on Lopez and Smart (barf)

Jennifer Lopez and her new boyfriend, dancer **Casper Smart**, have been pretty much inseparable. First there was Thanksgiving in Mexico and a trip to Morocco, and now

Lopez is even taking Smart to work. According to Hollyscoop, Smart has been paying Lopez visits on the set



of "American Idol" while she and judges **Randy Jackson** and **Steven Tyler** hold auditions in Pasadena, Calif. And a source says Lopez has even given Smart permission to drive her Bentley, which can't be sitting well with **Marc Anthony**, who doesn't want Smart driving his kids around since he was previously arrested on drag-racing charges.

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A whale of a weekend for celebs

1. What does this Beluga whale want for Christmas? He let Santa know at SeaWorld San Diego on Thursday in San Diego, Calif.

2. Mary J. Blige seemed contemplative during an interview at the WDAS iHeart Performance Theater on Thursday in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

3. Tom Cruise and Suri Cruise were snapped leaving their Tribeca hotel on Friday in New York City.

4. Kim Kardashian stepped out sans wedding ring at the grand opening of the Kardashian Khaos store at the Mirage Hotel & Casino on Friday in Las Vegas.

5. A sleek Sandra Bullock attended the "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" New York premiere at the Ziegfeld Theater on Friday in New York City.

6. Zac Efron attended the "New Year's Eve" Press Conference at Grand Hyatt Tokyo on Friday in Tokyo, Japan.

7. Flea of American rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers hulked out on stage at the Palau Sant Jordi on Thursday in Barcelona, Spain.

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► "Guy Code" premieres two new back-to-back episodes, including the holiday episode, tomorrow at 11 p.m. on MTV2.

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Peace on Earth, 'Guy Code' to men

► With new holiday episode, MTV2 show sets record straight on ugly sweaters and gifts for bros and girls

'Tis the season to be jolly, but comedian Damien Lemon says that the key is to not overdo it. Lemon is one of the funnier talking heads on MTV2's "Guy Code," a show that basically serves as an instructional video on how to not make an ass of yourself — something us guys are prone to do without guidance.

"There are festivities and it is a joyous occasion," says Lemon about the holidays, "but you need to temper that enthusiasm."

Here are a few of Lemon's other tips to making sure the most wonderful time of the year actually lives up to its title.

► Buy a manly gift for your

best bro: "I personally wouldn't give another dude a fragrance, I wouldn't give another dude some underwear. I'd give a dude some DVDs, 'The Wire,' 'Sons of Anarchy,' something aggressive. Maybe a whiskey."

► **Buy an appropriate gift for the girl you're crushing on in the office:** "At work, you've gotta be careful. You don't want to jump out the window. You don't wanna buy lingerie and get fired. Stick with something that's cool and benign; a candle, or something like that. It smells good, she'll probably light it later in her bedroom."

► **Don we now our crazy sweater apparel:** "Some people do the holiday sweaters and things of that nature.

You kind of want to dress up a little bit to celebrate. It's the holiday season — this is the one where you have to be in mandatory good spirits — so you should dress up a little bit. Don't overdo it. [If you are going to don an ugly sweater], pick one character, commit to one thing; 'I'm gonna have a reindeer this year.' ... Don't do reindeer, elves and a Santa Claus. ... You don't need a nativity scene on your sweater."

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Sacrifice your pride for family traditions

"The thing about the holidays — especially Christmas — is it's not all about you. So if your family has a tradition that may be kind of corny, you indulge a little. We have this thing in my family called Hug Fest, and it sounds crazy, it sounds like some Huxtable type of situation. ... Around 11, my family's gonna sing a song, a lot of people in my family sing so it doesn't look as bad as it could. I just hum in the back, I'm not trying to go up in there with a baritone, no solos. So anyway, we do that up until midnight and then everyone hugs each other. It's a family tradition. Now I wouldn't tell any of my homeboys about this. It's something you do for family."

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4 Other ways to use a law degree

► Plenty of people with a JD don't spend any time in court ► Other fields where a law background can help you get ahead

A degree in law does not necessarily turn your career into a prime time crime drama; many who have their Juris Doctorate, or JD, don't work in a courtroom or a precinct. Instead, they follow more alternative routes while using that law school knowledge.

► **Business owners:** "A law degree tends to assist business owners in understanding corporate formation and governance, as well as identifying potential legal issues and pitfalls that may occur," explains Melanie Dubis, partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP.

"Additionally, a law degree simply helps individuals think in a critical manner when solving business problems."

► **Start-up companies:** "I've seen a new trend in law grads going straight into start-ups, mostly Web companies," says Dana Robinson, a partner at TechLaw LLP. "They aren't going in as just a legal team member, but as a real part of the management team."

► **Nonprofit work:** Robert L. Spinks is the director of Oklahoma City University's new Nonprofit Leadership program. "More and more

people today — particularly young people — are coming out of school with a real passion for helping people," says Spinks. "And they want to do it an organized, accountable way."

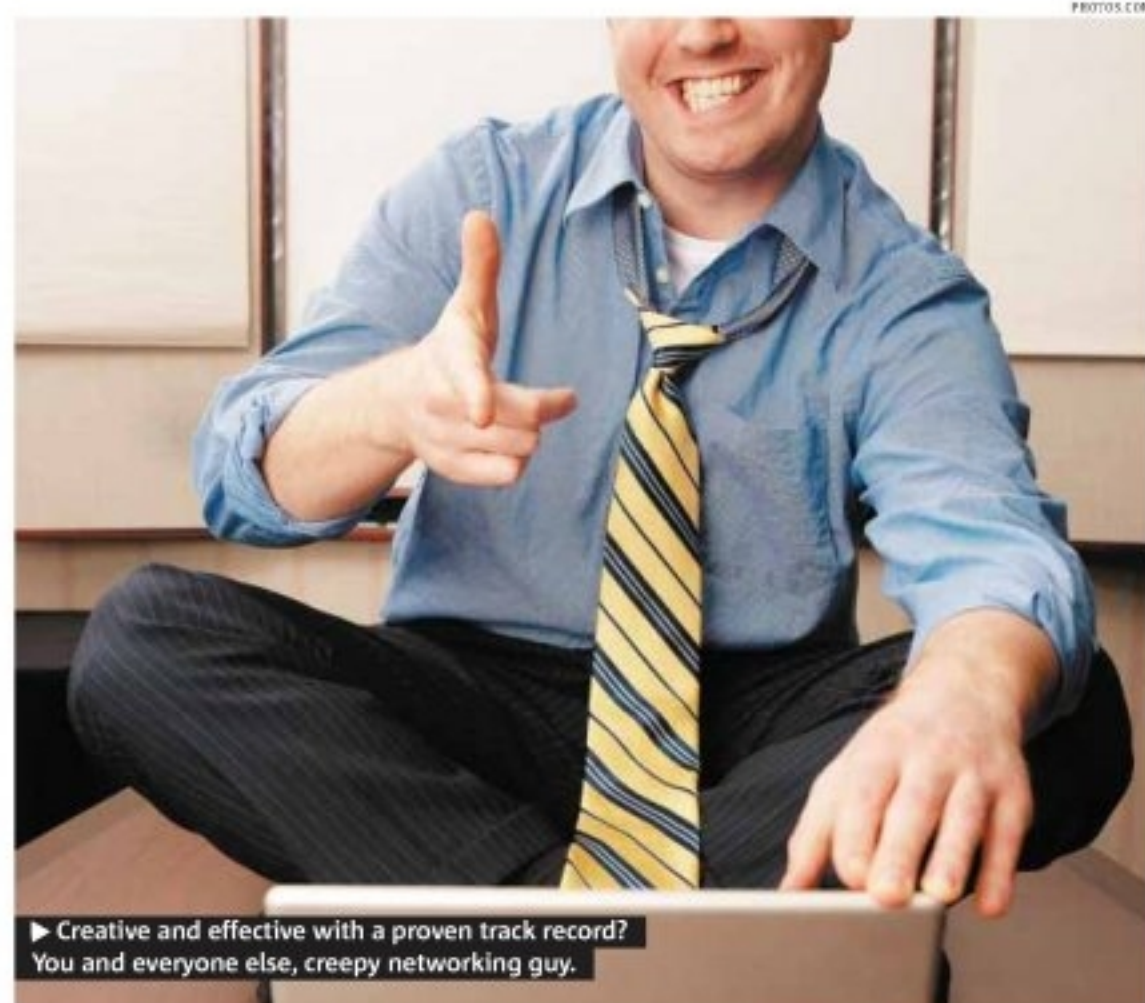
► **Journalism:** "It's the logic skills, analytical systems thinking, persuasive writing and strategic problem solving we developed and honed in law school that attracts people with JDs to journalism," says Stephanie Schroeder, a graduate of New York Law School and a writer at Curve Magazine.

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► Creative and effective with a proven track record? You and everyone else, creepy networking guy.

Most overused LinkedIn profile buzzwords in 2011

Do you describe yourself as professionally creative and motivated? Then a new list from LinkedIn suggests another descriptor for you too: Unimaginative.

LinkedIn has analyzed the 135 million accounts on its network to reveal the top 10 overused buzzwords on professional profiles.

"Maybe during the last year, some of our members scrubbed their profiles of buzzwords and more uniquely described themselves?" Simla Ceyhan, a data scientist at LinkedIn,

wondered in a post on LinkedIn's blog. "Or maybe there has been a huge growth in the number of 'innovative, motivated, entrepreneurial team players who are results-oriented and thrive in fast-paced environments.'"

There are a few surprises. "Creative" and "effective" didn't even make the list last year, while "extensive experience" dropped to number four from first place. Terms such as "results-oriented" and "team player" have dropped off.

The top 10

1. Creative
2. Organizational
3. Effective
4. Extensive experience
5. Track record
6. Motivated
7. Innovative
8. Problem solving
9. Communication skills
10. Dynamic

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▶ A pup gets an afternoon walk at pet-friendly Stetson University.

Is college going to the dogs?

▶ Allowing pets on campus is a hot debate among administrators ▶ What they have to consider

Over the last decade, the number of pet-friendly dorms has been on the rise, albeit at a caged snail's pace. In 2010 the New York Times put the number of campuses with pet-friendly housing at just 12, and most were small, private colleges.

But 2012 may prove to be the tipping point, as many administrators in university housing say this is the hottest topic in their field.

"In local meetings of [the Association of College and University] Housing Officers, we are often the institution that people are looking for answers from on this issue," says Ben Falter, the director of housing at Stetson University in Florida. Stetson currently has 60 pet-friendly individual units on campus. "People are really pressing to know how to

do it and how it's working for us."

Stetson became pet-friendly in 2010, after incoming president Wendy B. Libby pressed the issue. Libby is the former presi-

dent of Stephens College, ranked second-most pet-friendly school in the nation by Petside.com.

But even at the most liberal colleges, many administrators still see pitfalls.

"We had a lot of discussion around things like, will dorms be inspected to ensure that animals are well cared for? Who will be responsible for that? How will we set standards?" says Unity College's assistant professor of wildlife, Sarah Cunningham. Unity decided against pet-friendly dorms this year. "You have to have a plan to make sure you're taking care of these animals humanely if, as a college, you're going to be responsible for students having animals."

A campus-wide commitment

"We haven't just made a pet hall — we've made the entire campus pet-friendly. That means an institutional commitment, not just from people in housing," explains Falter. "It means we have to take the details into account — like making sure there is a dog park, there are places for pets to go to the bathroom, that we don't install carpets in pet-friendly facilities and that we're sensitive to student allergies."

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RE: "THIRSTY, VOTERS? THIS PARTY'S JUST GETTING STARTED": The opposition should take note of the Tea Party's organization and effort. The upcoming congressional elections may be crucial and historic. Based on recent performance, no Republican or Democrat seat should be considered safe. **GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL**

It would seem that the solution for a balanced economy would be to cut funding for education, senior citizens, after school activities, Medicare, Medicaid,

heating for seniors — all in the name of "no new taxes." Is it any wonder we've become a third world nation complete with protests across the United States in total disgust at what is going on in Washington, D.C.? Fed-up voters will have a lot to say at the ballot box come the next election. **HERB STARK, VIA E-MAIL**

Does this look like unity?

RE: "POWER TO THE PEOPLE?": Imagine a trillionaire with no personality or sense of justice, only an unthink-

ing drive to increase his wealth. Now tell him he can spend as much as he wants to change the lawmakers who make the laws. It isn't hard to imagine his goal: elect those who want to decrease taxes, making it harder to regulate his behavior! Oh, and if any congressional representatives do a good job for him, there's a nice lobbying gig after their political careers are over. Welcome to our brave new world, post Citizens United. **LARRY PAL, WALTHAM**

Citizens United vs. FEC did not give corporations new legal rights. What it did was overturn part of the

campaign finance reform bill that prohibited non-media corporations from disseminating info that supports or opposes candidates. And Mr. Simms' high dudgeon is hypocritical: He works for a media corporation that was permitted to engage in political advocacy, yet he thinks that other corporations should not have the same rights! Does the editor of Metro believe in free speech for himself but not for others? **RON SHELTON, VIA E-MAIL**

Giving corporations the same rights enjoyed by private persons will lead to fascism. Such protections for these soulless entities goes against all that our founders stood for. These days we live in a ruthless corpocracy that owns our body politic. **TAYLOR AHERN, SQUANTUM**

Horoscope

♈ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. If you don't appear to be overly anxious or eager a buyer, you should be able to negotiate a much better price for what you want. Don't hesitate to dicker like the dickens.
♊ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Because you're full of new ideas and especially good at conceptualizing what to do with them, there's little doubt you'll implement your plans in a sober, prudent and feasible manner.
♋ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Don't hesitate to remind someone of his or her obligations if it seems like this person is ignoring them. If you don't, your chances of receiving what is owed you will be slimmer.
♌ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Something that you're hoping to obtain is in your grasp if you are able to regroup and try again when necessary. Don't give up on the first go-around.
♍ Aries March 21-April 19. To your credit, you have the stick-to-itiveness necessary to face and conquer the most challenging situations, mostly because of your persistence and ability to think on the fly.
♎ Taurus April 20-May 20. Follow the same game plan that led you to victory before, because there's no reason why it wouldn't work again.

♏ Gemini May 21-June 20. In endeavors where you are trying to develop a second source of income, operate along familiar lines where you know you have a chance for success.
♐ Cancer June 21-July 22. Of all the signs, you are the one who usually derives the greatest benefits from being protective of those who mean a lot to you. This is likely to be true for you once again.
♑ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Adopt an industrious attitude, because your earning potential is especially strong at this time, and it should be taken advantage of. Operate along your usual lines and you'll have success.
♒ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Opportunities exist for you to revitalize an old relationship that once meant a lot to you. Who knows how long it'll be before you'll get this chance again.
♓ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Use your imagination to visualize the manner in which an important situation could resolve itself. Chances are you should be able to successfully follow its blueprint to rock-solid success.
♈ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Treat an important situation with the seriousness it deserves, especially when you know reorganization is called for. Once you make the necessary changes, favorable results will occur. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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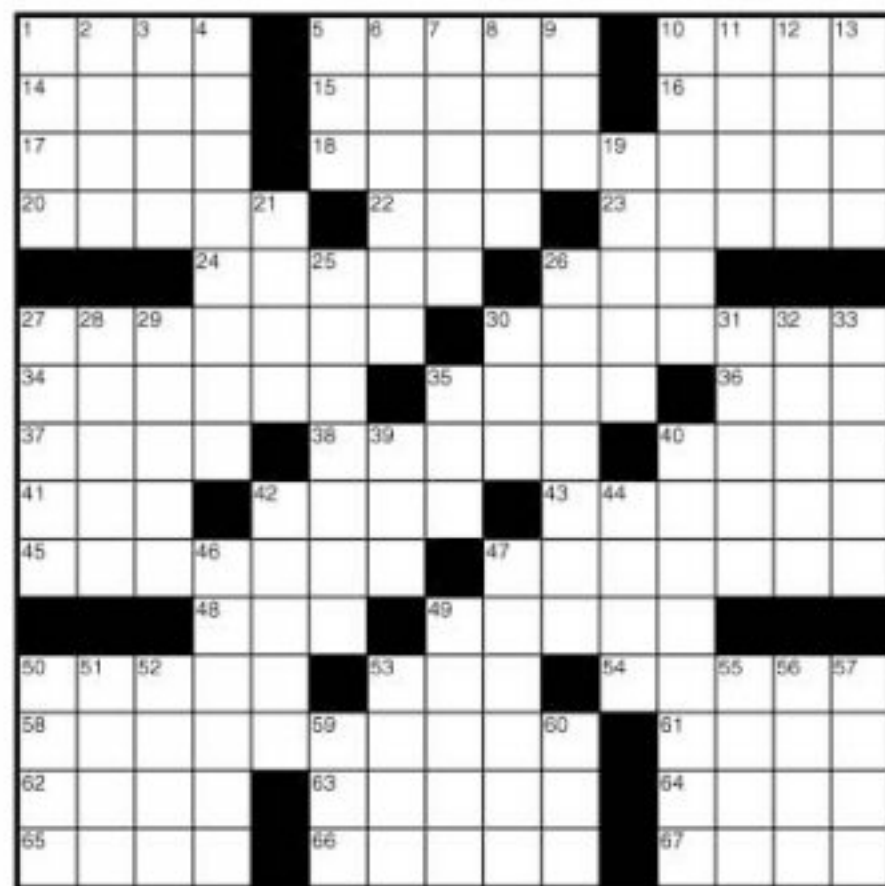
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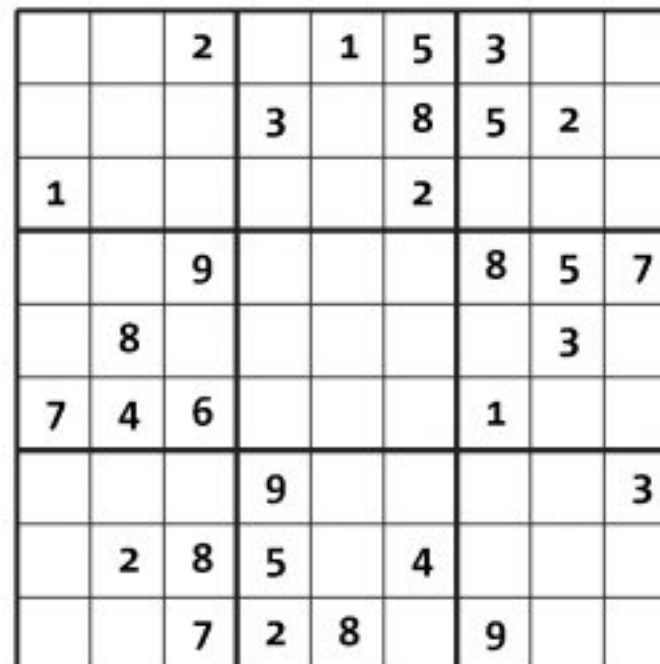
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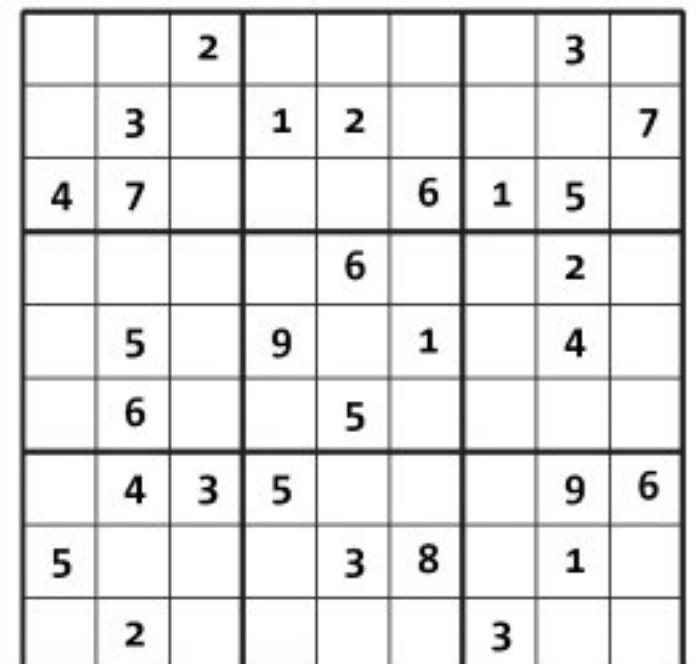
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Pats bust Broncos, Tebow while clinching AFC East

► Tight end Hernandez, Brady shred vaunted Denver defense ► Tebow can't get magic started in second half, held to 194 yards through the air

The Patriots interrupted "Tebow Time," at least momentarily, with a thoroughly impressive 41-23 victory at Sports Authority Field at Mile High in Denver, yesterday afternoon.

Despite falling behind the Broncos early, Tom Brady fired first-half touchdown passes to Chad Ochocinco and Aaron Hernandez and took advantage of several Denver miscues to earn a 27-16 advance

at the half.

Tebow would have his moments throughout the game, giving Denver an early 6-0 lead with a 9-yard touchdown run to open the game.

But the Patriots defense kept the big plays to a minimum and offensively Hernandez would have his finest game as a pro, hauling in nine catches for 129 yards.

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► Tight end Aaron Hernandez torched Denver yesterday.

On TV today

Habs at Bruins

The scorching B's face their hated rivals tonight (7 p.m., NESN). Montreal is slumping with a .500 record (13-13, 33 points) and fired its head coach Jacques Martin over the weekend.

What went right ...

1 No 'D' in Denver — So much for that stingy Denver defense, eh? Tom Brady finished the day 23-of-34 for 320 yards, including a rushing touchdown and TD

passes to Aaron Hernandez and yes, even Chad Ochocinco. The rushing attack was solid as well behind Stevan Ridley (65 yards), Danny Woodhead (40 yards, 1 TD) and BenJarvus Green-Ellis (17 yards, 1 TD).

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catch on a punt as the first half was winding down.

2 Points off turnovers — It looked as though it would be a shootout after the first quarter, but down 16-14 in the second, the Patriots scored 13 straight points off of three Denver turnovers — two fumbles and a muffed

3 Put a Te-bow on it — Not even the great Tim Tebow could come back from this second half deficit. This won't put an end to Tebow Time, but it should quiet it down as the Pats defense truly clamped down in the second half.

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What went wrong ...

1 Tackling 101 — One quarter the Patriots would absolutely like to have back would be the first — and it's enough to give Bill Belichick nightmares. Whether it was missed tackles behind the line of scrimmage or in front of it, the Patriots could not seem to wrap up anyone on the Broncos. Tackling has been an issue all season with the Pats, and it didn't change yesterday.

2 Carter on cart — Just what a struggling defense needs — one of its best players going down with a serious injury. Defensive end and Patriots sack leader Andre Carter left the game in the first half with a knee injury. Carter's leg seemed to get caught up on a play and bent in the wrong direction. It certainly makes the win in Denver bittersweet.

3 Run "defense" — What happened to the Patriots' solid run defense? Last week in Washington it was amiss and yesterday it was even worse. The Broncos rushed for a whopping 252 yards against a defense that created more holes than clogged them. Tebow led the way for Denver with 93 rushing yards and two touchdowns but running backs Willis McGahee (70 yards) and Lance Ball (64 yards, 1 TD) got it done, too. ● JIMMY TOSCANO

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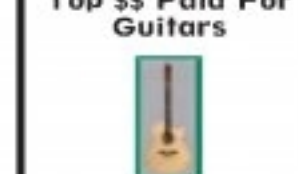
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